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SUBJ: TRAVEL TO LAOS

1. FRENCH CONSUL INFORMED A CONGEN OFFICER THAT THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD INSTRUCTED THE FRENCH CONSULATE GENERAL HERE TO CEASE ISSUANCE OF ALL CATEGORIES OF VISAS ON BEHALF OF THE LAO GOVERNMENT AS OF FEBRUARY 26. PERSONS IN HONG KONG WISHING TO TRAVEL TO LAOS ARE NOW REFERRED TO THE LAO EMBASSY IN BANGKOK. THE FRENCH CONSUL EXPLAINED THAT THIS CHANGE HAS NOT BEEN PUBLICIZED IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY IMPRESSION THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN FRANCE AND LAOS HAVE DETERIORATED.

2. THERE ARE UNOFFICIAL REPORTS CIRCULATING IN HONG KONG THAT THE LAO EMBASSY IN BANGKOK HAS "TEMPORARILY" STOPPED THE ISSUANCE OF TOURIST VISAS IN ORDER TO CUT THE FLOW OF WORLD TRAVELERS INTO LAOS.

3. COMMENT: ONE RESULT OF THE FRENCH ACTION WILL BE A REDUCTION OF WESTERN JOURNALISTS INTO LAOS. IN THE PAST,
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HONG KONG-BASED JOURNALISTS HAVE RELIED ON THE FRENCH

CONSULATE FOR VISAS TO LAOS, WHICH WERE ROUTINELY ISSUED
IN CONTRAST TO THE LAO EMBASSY IN BANGKOK WHERE JOURNALISTS
REPORTEDLY EXPERIENCED GREAT DIFFICULTIES.
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